

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 5 and 8 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15-17 and 20 are amended. Accordingly, claims 2-4, 6, 7 and 9-22 are pending. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Office Action indicates that claims 4, 9, 18, 19, 21 and 22 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 4 and 9 are rewritten in independent form to expedite prosecution of the above-identified patent application. The remaining claims directly or indirectly depend from claims 4 and 9.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance of claims 2-4, 6, 7 and 9-22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Any fees incident to this Amendment may be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2665.

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Respectfully submitted,



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